REMARKS

Reconsideration of this patent application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments, and the following remarks. Claims 1, 2, 3 and 6 are in the application. Claims 1 and 6 have been amended. Claims 4, 5 and 7-16 have been canceled. No new matter has been added.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-3, 7-9, 11 and 16 under 35

USC 103 as being unpatentable over Grosskopf et al. in view of

Blenke et al. Claims 1-4, 7, 10-11 and 16 are rejected as being

unpatentable over Grosskopf et al. The Examiner stated that

claims 5 and 6 would be allowable if rewritten in independent

form.

Applicant has amended claim 1 to include the elements of claims 4 and 5, now canceled. Claim 6 has been amended to depend from claim 1. Applicant submits that claims 1-3 and 6 as amended are patentable over the cited references, taken either singly or in combination. Early allowance of the amended and new claims is respectfully requested.

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